

(Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 64, nays 24, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 226 Ex.]

YEAS—64

Barrasso	Fischer	Perdue
Blackburn	Gardner	Peters
Blunt	Graham	Portman
Boozman	Grassley	Reed
Braun	Hassan	Risch
Brown	Hoeven	Roberts
Burr	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Capito	Inhofe	Rounds
Carper	Johnson	Rubio
Cassidy	Jones	Sasse
Collins	Kaine	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	Leahy	Shelby
Cotton	Lee	Thune
Cramer	Loeffler	Tillis
Crapo	Manchin	Toomey
Cruz	McConnell	Warner
Daines	McSally	Whitehouse
Enzi	Murkowski	Wicker
Ernst	Murphy	
Feinstein	Paul	

NAYS—24

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Sanders
Bennet	Hirono	Schumer
Blumenthal	King	Smith
Booker	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Markley	Udall
Casey	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Rosen	Wyden

NOT VOTING—12

Alexander	Heinrich	Sinema
Cantwell	Moran	Sullivan
Harris	Murray	Tester
Hawley	Schatz	Young

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from South Dakota.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, before I begin, I want to acknowledge the tremendous news released yesterday that early results of a COVID vaccine are showing a greater than 90 percent rate of effectiveness. This is great news and a testament to the innovative power of the private sector and the ef-

forts of Congress and the Trump administration to expedite the development of COVID vaccines.

The trial for this vaccine will continue, and FDA approval will be required, but these early results are very, very encouraging. It has been a tough year for Americans and people all over the world, but hopefully this is a sign that the light at the end of the tunnel is coming.

2020 ELECTIONS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, we are now a week on from the election, but there are still a lot of outstanding races to determine. Votes are still being counted or will soon be recounted in many States. The Presidential race has yet to be certified, and it is important to remember that while media outlets can predict a winner, official results do come later, and there are still House and Senate races that have yet to be decided.

One thing is clear, though: The blue wave that Democrat pollsters and the media predicted was coming did not arrive. Americans emphatically did not endorse the socialist aims of the far left. Instead, they sent a much more moderate message. And I hope that when all the votes are counted and the outcomes of all the races are determined, Democrats will be able to overcome the virulent partisanship that has characterized their behavior over the past 4 years and work with Republicans to deliver results for the American people.

VETERANS DAY

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, tomorrow we celebrate Veterans Day, the day set aside to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

This year, we observed the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, and our Nation's World War II veterans, the veterans of the "greatest generation," have been on my mind a lot.

Sixteen million Americans served in World War II—16 million. These veterans were a fixture in our lives. So many Americans grew up with a dad or a grandfather or a grandmother who had served in World War II. I was one of them.

My favorite veteran, my dad, was a World War II pilot who flew Hellcats off the deck of the USS *Intrepid* in the Pacific. I came to know the values of the "greatest generation" through my dad—humility, patriotism, quiet service.

These warriors who helped save the world didn't brag about their achievements. They deflected praise. If they hailed any exploits, it was those of their comrades. My dad won the Distinguished Flying Cross—or, I should say, received the Distinguished Flying Cross, but that is not what he talked about. He did, however, talk about Cecil Harris, one of South Dakota's aces, whose advice for a deft maneuver

saved my dad's life during a dogfight. It was a move straight out of "Top Gun," only decades before the movie.

My dad always talked about how South Dakota is the only State with two aces with more than 20 shootdowns during World War II. And he talked about the other pilots in his squadron and praised their character and their service.

As I said, these veterans of the "greatest generation" have been a fixture in our lives for a long time. But 75 years on from the war, their numbers are dwindling and dwindling quickly.

My dad died in August of this year at the age of 100. We lose more and more of these veterans every day, and they will be sorely missed, but their legacy lives on in the generations of veterans that have followed them.

In every age and every era, men and women have stepped forward to answer the same call that the "greatest generation" answered. And in every era, those men and women, the men and women of the U.S. military, have embodied the values that characterized men like my dad—humility, courage, love of country, self-sacrifice, a love of freedom and for their fellow man.

Service in the military was once commonplace. But in an age when only a small percentage of the population serves, we need to ensure that we don't forget the vital role of our Armed Forces and the price our men and women in uniform pay to ensure that all of us can live in freedom. It has been said 10,000 times—but it is no less true the ten thousandth and first time—that we live in freedom every day because of the men and women of the U.S. military. We owe them a debt we cannot hope to repay. But on Veterans Day and every day, we can remember to say thank you.

I cannot close without mentioning the men and women I have met who have served and are serving—in particular, the members of the South Dakota National Guard and the airmen at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

Right now, members of the South Dakota National Guard are deployed in support of Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa. The South Dakota Guard also recently served a rotation of deployments to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve and to the Middle East to support coalition forces. Like many of their counterparts across the country, they have also been a part of the domestic coronavirus response.

At Ellsworth, the B-1 bombers of the 28th Bomb Wing continue to demonstrate their flexible, global reach through Bomber Task Force deployments. The Bomber Task Force missions strengthen our continued coordination with NATO allies in Europe and assert America's commitment to security and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

From the Baltics to the South China Sea to the Middle East, the airmen at Ellsworth Air Force Base continue to